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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT: OLC Relationships with the Legislative Branch  
REFERENCE: Review Staff Memorandum No. 75/1610

1. The Office of Legislative Counsel maintains the Agency's liaison with the Congress. This includes contacts (in the name of the Agency) with members of Congress, with the committees of Congress, and with staff personnel of both.

2. For the record, the following activities are cited for clarification:

a. OLC maintains close and regular contact with the four committees which maintain primarily oversight over Agency activities. It maintains periodic contact with other congressional committees, principally the Foreign Relations Committees of both houses of Congress and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. OLC also responds to requests from Congress and its members for substantive intelligence information and other queries from individual congressmen and their staffs to meet requirements of the congressman or that of his constituents.

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c. Staff members of CIA oversight Subcommittees at times are required to hold a compartmented clearance. Additionally, verification of normal security clearances

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is sometimes necessary. This is done at the initiative of the Subcommittee whenever staff members are exposed to the various categories of information provided by the Agency to the Subcommittee in terms of testimony or documents. OLC refers matters of security clearances to the Office of Security for action. The methodology of obtaining the appropriate clearances will be responded to by the Office of Security. It is usually accomplished through the Department of Defense.

d. CIA does not clear members of Congress. Members are provided information on the basis of their membership on various committees and/or their position as a member of Congress.

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